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Mr Willie Wells  
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Dear Willie:

I received your letter, and have put off answering you until now, as I wanted to wait until the league meeting was over, so I would know what was what. There was so much talk about a third league, I wanted to see just what was in the air. Well The Negro National, and The American Leagues, just completed a joint meeting in New York, and both leagues are continuing as before. There will not be any third league.

Everyone is looking forward to the baseball, because the fans seemed so interested last year. Most everyone thinks this year will be just as good. Of course the manpower situation is bad. The army is taking all boys as they reach the age of 18. The Eagles looked pretty good last year. Shortstop was our weakest spot. We are of course hoping to have the same men, if the army will let them alone. All of them around here are working in defence plants. McDuffy is in Cuba.

Now about you, is there any chance of your coming east this winter? If not let me know, as I want to find out what your plans are. I would like to have you stay with us if you will.

I am going to write Mackey at this time to try and get him to come back this year also, and I would appreciate it if you would look him up, and see how he talks, and let me know.

Let me hear from you soon, as you know we must be getting our plans laid out now.

Very Truly Yours